

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Norbert Miller et al.  
Serial No: 09/769,829  
Filed: 1/24/2001  
Title: Method for the Automation of Allocation Processes for Products  
and/or Services  
Examiner: Michael J. Fisher  
Art Unit: 3689

**Commissioner for Patents**

**Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**

**AMENDMENT**

In response to the office action dated 2/19/2010 (remailed 5/10/2010), please amend the instant application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

The claims are amended as shown in the attached marked-up complete list of claims.